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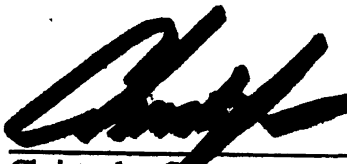
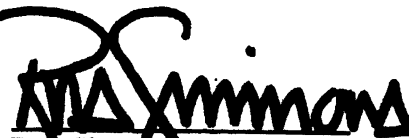

Secretary Rumsfeld and Secretary England:

We appreciate the importance of a robust selection process for the VXX program, and support the Navy in its goal to procure the most technologically advanced, safe and secure aircraft to meet the President's needs. The recent decision to delay award of the VXX contract concerns us however, because of the negative consequences for the men and women who work for Sikorsky. In the wake of the Comanche helicopter's cancellation, and following this decision on Marine One, Sikorsky has terminated 100 employees and been forced to reassign several hundred more.

Sikorsky has indicated that, should it win the Marine One contract, many of these jobs may be reprogrammed to work on the Presidential helicopter fleet. We share the concern of the entire Connecticut delegation that a lengthy delay in the awarding this contract will make job-preservation strategy much more difficult. We ask that as the Navy proceeds in the selection process, it take into account the impact that delaying the decision process has on the hardworking men and women of Sikorsky.

We are confident in Sikorsky Aircraft's unique ability to build an All-American helicopter deserving of the honor to fly our Commander-in-Chief.

Sincerely,


Christopher Shays
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Nancy Johnson
Member of Congress

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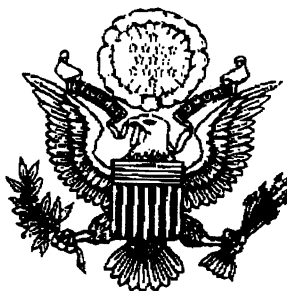


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FAX NUMBER: 202-685-6077

NUMBER OF PAGES: 3

FROM: Paul O'Sullivan, Director of Grants

MESSAGE: Capt. Lumme:

*Lteer requesting your assistance on behalf of Treadwell corp in
Thomaston, CT. Please call me at 860-223-8412 if you have any questions*

*Thank you,
Paul O'Sullivan
Director of Grants*

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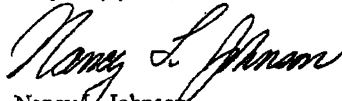
Dear Capt. Lumme:

I am writing to inquire about the status of a sole-source Navy contract applied for by a company in my District, Treadwell Corporation of Thomaston, CT.

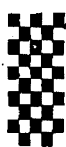
John Johnson, chief executive officer of Treadwell, contacted me recently to request my assistance in gaining updated information on this project, designated Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Solicitation #N65540-03-R-0023. The contract is for the upgrade and modernization of existing submarine oxygen generators. It is my understanding that the Navy has funded this program in the 2004 Defense Budget, and that NSWC had anticipated awarding the contract in late 2003. However, the contract remains unawarded as of this date, despite numerous completed audits of Treadwell's proposal and vendors. I have included a copy of the Solicitation, Offer and Award for this project for your information.

As this contract has the potential to affect the employment and lives of several of my constituents, I respectfully request your assistance in investigating the delays in this situation and expediting the contract release. Thank you for your attention to the concerns of my constituents. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Director of Grants and Special Projects, Paul O'Sullivan, at 860-223-8412.

Very truly yours,


Nancy L. Johnson
Member of Congress

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SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD		1. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700)		RATING	PAGE OF PAGES
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9. Sealed offers in original and 2 copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 8, or if handwritten, in the depository located in 5001 South Broad Street until 18 00 local time 08 Aug 2003 (Hour) (Date)					
CAUTION - LATE Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals: See Section I, Provision No. 52.214-7 or 52.215-1. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation.					
10. FOR INFORMATION CALL		A. NAME REGINA SHUSTER		B. TELEPHONE (Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS) 215-887-7787	
				C. E-MAIL ADDRESS shusterrm@nswc.navy.mil	
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12. In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within calendar days (60 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the offeror) from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified in the schedule.					
13. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See Section I, Clause No. 52.232-8)					
14. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS (The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the SOLICITATION for offerors and related documents numbered and dated):					
15A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR Treadwell Corporation 341 Railroad St., P.O. Box 458 Thomaston, CT 06787		15B. TELEPHONE NO (Include area code) (860) 283-7618		15C. CHECK IF REMITTANCE ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE - ENTER SUCH ADDRESS IN SCHEDULE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
16. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print) Steven Malaspina Vice President		17. SIGNATURE 		18. OFFER DATE 9/1/03	
AWARD (To be completed by Government)					
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April 2, 2004

Capt. Dale Lumme
Director, House Liaison Office
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RE: SBIR Contract N00178-02-C-1054 — CWO

Dear Captain Lumme:

I am writing to inquire about the subject SBIR contract awarded on October 1, 2002, by the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division, (NSWC) to LE Systems, Inc. of East Hartford, Connecticut, for work on their cryogenically-cooled diode-pumped YAG laser program.

Unfortunately, LE Systems still has not received the total amount of the contract award for their work. LE Systems completed over \$1 million worth of work for the first portion of the contract and were then notified on November 24, 2003, after their sixth progress report and presentation to NSWC, that they would receive the final option for the contract of \$525,000, in two weeks time. However, no funding was released to LE Systems and no information of the funding was made available. Then on March 10, 2004, LE Systems was again contacted by the NSWC and informed that they would be receiving \$150,000 as portion of their final option of \$525,000, but were not given a date or a time table for when the funding would be released.

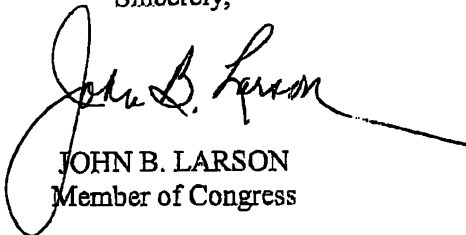
It is important to mention that LE Systems is a small three-person company without another wealth of funding resources available. While working on this contract for the NSWC it has been extremely difficult for LE Systems to continue to plan and execute their objectives for this program with such uncertainty of funding and scheduling. In order for LE Systems to maintain their progress while waiting for their additional funds they have had to use a lot of their own money to cover the costs of their work for the NSWC and are now operating in and accumulating debt. It would be a very unfortunate

for an innovative and hard working company like LE Systems to be forced out of work because of a lack of funding delivered in a timely manner.

LE Systems has been in touch with their Contract Monitor (contact information below) from the NSWC every step of the way during this process about all their problems and concerns with the funding profile and scheduling. Unfortunately, LE Systems has not been able to get an answer on when they will receive the remainder of the funding they have been promised since November of 2003.

I would greatly appreciate it if your office could help me in obtaining a conclusive answer on the status of LE Systems SBIR contract funding. If you have any questions or need further information please feel free to contact me or my grants coordinator, John Rossi, in my District Office at (860) 278-8888.

Sincerely,



JOHN B. LARSON
Member of Congress

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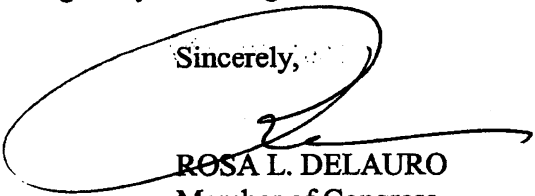
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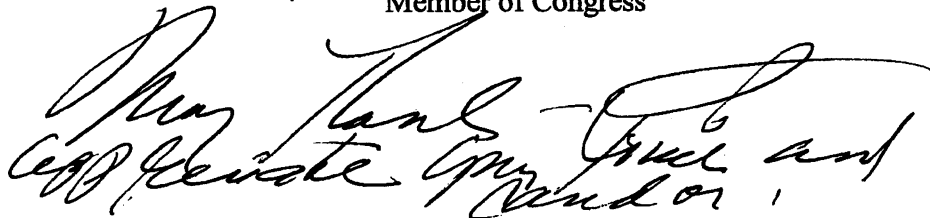
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for meeting with members of the Connecticut Congressional delegation today regarding the delay in awarding the Presidential helicopter (VXX) contract. You and Secretary Young provided frank and thoughtful commentary on this issue, and I appreciate the speed with which you were able to meet with my colleagues and me. I also would like to commend the staff work of Commander Richard Clemmons in the Navy military liaison office. His professionalism in dealing with my office was greatly appreciated.

As I stated in the meeting, I strongly believe that Sikorsky, which has made the President's helicopter since 1958, should continue to make Marine One. However, I appreciate the difficult job that you and your colleagues face in making this decision, and I hope that you will be in touch with me throughout this process. Thank you again for your courtesy and thoughtfulness during today's meeting.

Sincerely,


ROSA L. DELAURO
Member of Congress

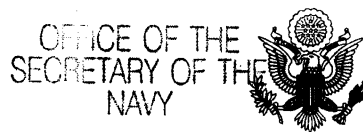

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The Honorable Gordon R. England
Secretary of the Navy
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write with surprise and disappointment that the Navy has selected a European consortium, led by the Italian conglomerate Finmeccanica, to construct the next generation of "Marine One" helicopters, and we request a meeting this week to discuss the reasons for the Navy's selection. As we have previously said, we believe Sikorsky's all-American bid was far superior; however, we believe that this outcome has serious consequences for U.S. defense acquisition policy.

I understand that both bids for the Navy's VH-3D Presidential helicopter replacement program met the requirements set forth by the Navy, and each bid met all applicable legal requirements. The reason stated by Assistant Secretary Young for giving the contract to Finmeccanica was that it was more likely to meet production schedule at a lower cost, but this analysis runs counter to the analysis of the Pentagon's Director of Operational Testing and Evaluation, who, in his non-concurrence with the VXX acquisition strategy, stated that the testing schedule is "not executable" and violates the "fly before buy" concept.

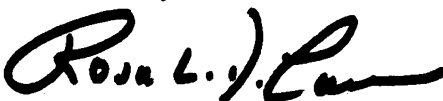
Secretary Young's comments on Friday appeared to suggest that the technical aspects of the competition, including the efficiency, speed and safety records of the aircraft, especially the questionable safety record of the European bid, were not as important as the speed at which a helicopter could be produced. If true, this acquisition strategy is short-sighted and deeply flawed.

Finally, the Navy's contract award announcement states that thirty-six percent of the work on this contract will be performed overseas. This surprisingly large amount of work done abroad creates serious doubts about the security of such an important project. As you know, individuals working on the Marine One program must meet so-called "Yankee White" security requirements. It is my understanding that "Yankee White" clearance cannot be given to an individual unless they have unquestionable loyalty to the United States and can demonstrate a complete absence of any foreign influence over the individual or the individual's family. It is difficult to see how workers in England and Italy will satisfy these requirements.

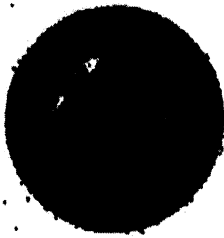
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January 31, 2005

This issue is of great importance to my colleagues in the Connecticut delegation. Therefore, I request a meeting with you this week, at which you should expect all members of the Connecticut congressional delegation. Thank you for your immediate attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosa L. DeLauro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rosa" being the most prominent.

ROSA L. DELAURO
Member of Congress



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The Honorable John J. Young
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
Research, Development and Acquisition, Room 4B741
The Pentagon, 20350

Dear Mr. Young,

I was recently contacted by one of my constituents, John Barto, Vice President & General Manager of Ansonia Copper and Brass, Inc. (ACB), regarding federal regulation # 252.225 - 7014 of *The Buy American Act* which provides "preference for domestic specialty metal." The company's interpretation of this regulation, as expressed by Mr. Barto, is that this regulation is not being correctly followed by several suppliers to government and military contracts.

As I understand it, the regulation in question clearly states, "Preference for domestic specialty metals should be given to metal alloys consisting of nickel, iron nickel and cobalt base alloys." ACB is the only domestic producer of large diameter copper-nickel tubing that is used in the construction of submarines, aircraft carriers and various other U.S. Navy ships. Yet, several prime contractors currently purchase these ACB products and materials from non-qualified foreign suppliers, even though my constituent's products comply completely and are eligible under this regulation. This is permitting unqualified and foreign suppliers to sell copper nickel tubing to contractors that service the U.S. Navy. Therefore, I am writing to request your help in correcting this situation and to ensure that this important regulation for American manufacturers is followed.

I have visited ACB and I was very impressed with the facilities and with the dedicated workforce. The company is a valued employer in the communities of Ansonia and Waterbury, Conn. and has approximately 350 workers who produce for the Navy and critical sectors of the U.S. economy. I hope that you would agree - especially at a time when we have seen 2.7 million manufacturing jobs lost in the last 4 years, American manufacturers deserve our government's support and laws, such as *the Buy American Act*, enforced on their behalf.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Letty Mederos on my staff at (202) 225-3661.

Sincerely,

ROSA L. DELAURO
Member of Congress

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The Honorable **Joseph D. Courtney**
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

December 6, 2006

The Honorable Donald C. Winter
Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As the newly elected Representative to Congress from Connecticut's Second District, I look forward to working with you to maintain a strong naval fleet that will ensure our national defense.

British Prime Minister Blair recently reaffirmed the critical importance of possessing a powerful nuclear submarine presence for the United Kingdom, which is a goal that I share for the United States. In a white paper presented to Parliament, Mr. Blair wrote of investing nearly \$40 billion for the design and development of a new class of nuclear submarines.

I believe that Prime Minister Blair's desire to increase the United Kingdom's nuclear submarine fleet should be embraced by the United States. The U.K. is a close ally and trusted friend and has stood by us in operations throughout the world.

For over a century, General Dynamics' Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut has been on the forefront of innovation of submersible ships and in recent decades has led the way to building a magnificent nuclear submarine fleet for the United States of America. The men and women of EB possess the unmatched skill and ingenuity to design and develop a fleet of nuclear submarines that will meet the challenges Britain will face well into the future.

Towards this end, I respectfully request that the Department of Defense and the United States Navy begin a dialogue with Prime Minister Tony Blair and the British Royal Navy to best address Britain's nuclear submarine needs.

Should you or your staff have any further comments or questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 225-2076 beginning January 3, 2007 or my Chief of Staff, Mr. Jason Gross at (202) 270-0228 at any time. I thank you for your time and consideration of this great opportunity.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Courtney".

Joe Courtney
Member-elect of US Congress



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June 7, 2007

Captain Earl Gay
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Dear Captain Gay:

My office received a call from Mr. Mark McNally of Wyndham Interiors Corp. in Brooklyn, CT inquiring about the Navy's bid process.

Evidently, Wyndham Interiors Corp. was solicited to bid on GSA approved products for the NCIS office project in Groton, CT. He bid on office furniture. Other Connecticut dealers were also requested to bid on this equipment.

The formal process was followed and the bids evaluated. Mr. McNally advises that after the bids were reviewed a DC dealer was asked to re-bid on the furniture and, ultimately, awarded the bid. His question is why and would like rationale behind this decision.

Any information that you could provide my District Director, Jenny Contois, in our Norwich, CT. office would be greatly appreciated. She will also be available to answer any questions you may have. She can be reached at 860-886-0139.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joe Courtney
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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August 23, 2007

The Honorable Donald C. Winter
Secretary of the Navy
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Admiral Mike Mullen
Chief of Naval Operations
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350-2000

Dear Secretary Winter and Admiral Mullen:

As you consider your military construction priorities in the Navy's Fiscal Year 2009 budget request, I respectfully urge your support for Project 464, the replacement of Pier 31 at Naval Submarine Base New London.

The existing pier is currently 33 years old and was designed for Sturgeon class attack submarine (SSN 637). As such, the pier is not right-sized for the Los Angeles class (SSN 688) or Virginia class (SSN 774) submarines that provide the core of our attack submarine fleet. Pier operations are currently limited by its narrow and inadequate size, and any crane usage blocks its entire width. Replacement parts are not available for its antiquated electrical support equipment, and the piles are severely eroded to the point of rendering the pier unusable in submarine support operations.

The new pier, once completed, will enhance submarine support operations at the base's waterfront by providing the size and space necessary to allow for simultaneous work on both sides and the clearance necessary for fire protection and other support equipment. Replacement of this pier is necessary to ensure that Subase New London continues to be able to fully carry out its mission of supporting the modern submarines of the Atlantic submarine fleet.

It is my understanding that this program is currently programmed in the Future Years Defense Program (FYDP) for execution in 2009. To this end, I respectfully urge your support in including the military construction funding necessary to enact this important project in your FY2009 budget request for the United States Navy.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to continuing to work with you to secure funding for this critical project and other future improvements at Subase New London to support its mission, Sailors and their families.

Sincerely,

JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 5, 2008

The Honorable Donald Winter
Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Winter:

As the Navy continues to develop its submarine depot maintenance availability schedule for FY09 to FY14, we urge the assignment of Docking Selected Restricted Availabilities (DSRA) for submarines homeported at Naval Submarine Base New London to General Dynamics Electric Boat Division, located in nearby Groton, Connecticut.

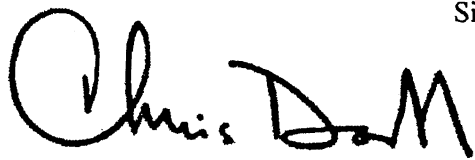
Since 1999, Electric Boat has been continuously engaged in supporting Navy submarine maintenance in Groton. During this period, Electric Boat has completed eleven depot level maintenance availabilities. In each circumstance, the workers of Electric Boat have demonstrated continuously improved skill and efficiency in completing these critically important maintenance and repair activities. At this point, Electric Boat's DSRA performance is unmatched, providing unprecedented value to the Navy and returning critical operational days to our fleet.

However, as we move to a sustained build rate of two *Virginia*-class submarines a year, we remain concerned that Electric Boat's skilled workforce will experience several years of fluctuating workload levels. The assignment of short-term maintenance work is vital to stabilize the work force and retain the critical skills that will be necessary for future increased submarine production. Additionally, maintenance work performs another valuable service by absorbing future overhead costs from the *Virginia* and other critical submarine programs.

We strongly believe that assignment of these DSRAs to Electric Boat is clearly in the Navy's best interest in both optimizing limited maintenance and new construction budgets and maximizing the operational availability of our submarine fleet – especially at a time when it will be asked to do more with fewer submarines.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our Navy and our submarine force. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this and other issues of critical importance to our Navy and the submarine community.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
United States Senator



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June 15, 2009

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
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Dear Secretary Gates:

We write to applaud your decision to terminate the troubled VH-71 presidential helicopter replacement program. A program that does not meet requirements in terms of capability and schedule, and is twice the original cost after only four years, is a program that should be canceled if we are going to keep defense programs accountable for their projected budgets and timelines.

Nevertheless, we do have serious concerns over the sunk costs of the program. Projected to be nearly \$3.2 billion, this cost represents a real investment by the taxpayer that should not to be ignored. We believe it would be prudent to move forward with the program in a way that does not waste this substantial taxpayer investment.


One solution might be to award the contract to the only other qualified competitor, Sikorsky's H-92 helicopter, and team Sikorsky with the incumbent systems integrator, Lockheed Martin. As you know, Sikorsky, the prime contractor for the Marine One since the 1950s, has fulfilled its contracts on time and on budget. This solution offers the dual benefit of "saving" some of the previously sunk costs, particularly jobs in both New York and Maryland, and creating additional American jobs by having those aircraft manufactured in the United States. At a time of severe economic crisis, this solution seems ideal.

You correctly identified the need to terminate a program with costs that grew from an estimated \$6.5 billion to over \$13 billion, but also made clear that there is a need to develop a follow on option. It is our understanding that the Sikorsky H-92 is currently qualified to meet the mission requirements and is currently more "fail-safe" than the VH-71 Increment I aircraft. By teaming Sikorsky with Lockheed Martin, the Navy can develop a helicopter that can safely transport the president while not only providing the best value for the taxpayer, but also maintaining and creating American jobs.

Thank you for the consideration of this request and we look forward to your response.


Sincerely,

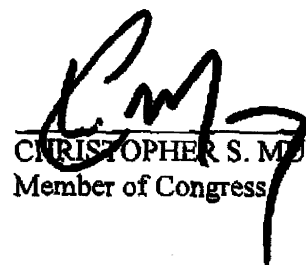

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August 27, 2009

The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
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Dear Secretary Mabus,

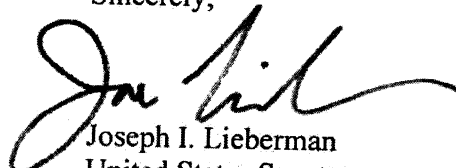
I write to request information related to a contract between the United States Navy and Costello Industries of Newington, CT. This company performed work at Naval Air Station Key West under Contract Number N62467-02-C-2747 in the 2002-2003 timeframe. It is my understanding that Costello Industries filed a claim nearly six years ago for extra costs related to this contract, and that the matter is currently before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals.

In an effort to better understand the history of this particular contract, I ask that you provide me with a response to the following:

- A brief description of the facts surrounding the case and a summary of the reasoning behind the decision to deny the initial claim for extra costs made by Costello Industries.
- An explanation as to the Navy's apparent decision to bypass "Alternative Disputes Resolution" procedures that could ultimately reduce the overall burden of processing the claim for both sides, particularly in light of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 statement that boards of contract appeals "shall provide to the fullest extent practicable, informal, expeditious, and inexpensive resolution of disputes."

I look forward to hearing from you and want to thank you once again for your continued service to our nation.

Sincerely,


Joseph I. Lieberman
United States Senator

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The Honorable Ray Mabus
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Vice Admiral Michael C. Vitale, USN
Commander, Navy Installations Command
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Dear Secretary Mabus and Admiral Vitale:

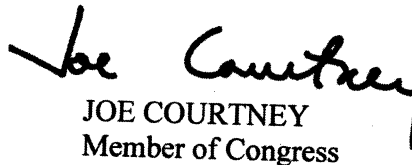
I write today in support of the Submarine Bridge Team Simulator Addition (UMC P-137) at Naval Submarine Base New London. As you know, this \$1.85 million project would build a 4,300 square foot addition to an existing building to house a new submarine bridge team training simulator (SBT), as well as house a Virginia Ship's Control Trainer (VSCOT) and a Multi-Class Ship's Control Trainer (21C7).

As you know, the SBT is a full scale mock up of a submarine bridge, enclosed within a 360 degree screen that projects the surrounding environment. The trainer allows members of a submarine bridge team to train together, at the same time and in realistic conditions. This trainer can simulate different classes of submarines, different sea and weather conditions, and provide a more accurate training environment than is currently available. Having visited the base's training facilities and seen the current virtual reality headset trainer first hand, I believe that the SBT will provide a much-needed improvement to one of SUBASE New London's core competencies – the training of our submariners.

It is my understanding that this project will be considered as a potential unspecified military construction project in the coming weeks. Due to the unmatched benefit to the training of our submariners and the value it adds to the capabilities of the base, I respectfully ask for your full and positive consideration of this project. Please let me know if I, or my Legislative Director Neil McKiernan, can be of any assistance as you evaluate this project.

Thank you for your continued support of SUBAE New London, and the men and women of the United States Navy.

Sincerely,


JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress

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Rear Admiral Nevin P. Carr, Jr.
Chief of Naval Research
Office of Naval Research
One Liberty Center, Suite 1425
875 North Randolph Street
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Dear Admiral Carr:

I write today to ask for an update on the status of funding included in the Fiscal Year 2009 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act (PL 110-329) for the Mystic Innovations Group (MIG), located in my district.

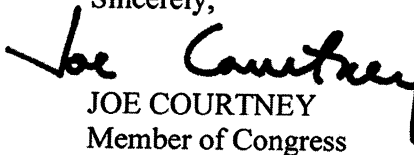
As you know, PL 110-329 allocated \$4.3 million to MIG through Division C, Department of Defense Appropriations, for an "Integrated Ship and Motion Control Technology" project. Funding was meant be used to complete development on an integrated ship and motion control technology system that will improve ship control.

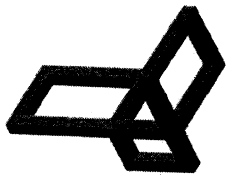
I have been contracted by MIG, which is expressing concern about the length of time it is taking to award this funding. It has now a full year since PL 110-329 was signed into law on September 30, 2008. While I understand that it takes some time to prepare these projects for award and execution, I am concerned that the delay in executing this funding is negatively impacting MIG. I have attached a letter from MIG to ONR outlining their concerns, which I share, and on which I was copied.

To this end, I would appreciate an update on the status of this project, the timeline in which it may be awarded, and any assistance in expediting the award of this funding.

I look forward to your timely response. Please contact me, or my Legislative Director Neil McKiernan, at (202) 2250-2076. Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress



Mystic Innovations Group, Inc.

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September 30, 2009

Ms. Lynnette Desorcie
Senior Contracting Officer
Office of Naval Research
Code BD0254

Ref: C00432; Integrated Ship and Motion Control Technology

Subject: Request for Pre-award Cost Authorization

Dear Ms. Desorcie,

It is understood that the Office of Naval Research intends to negotiate the award of contract C00432 with Mystic Innovations Group, Inc. This letter is a request to allow Mystic Innovations Group, Inc. to incur pre-award costs for work performed under the pending agreement. A letter contract would allow Mystic Innovations Group, Inc. to immediately begin efforts consistent with the technical proposal submitted.

As you are aware, Mystic Innovations Group Inc. is a small business, and has been reorganizing in anticipation of this contract since receiving congressional notification October 1, 2008. The extended time to award the contract is having a negative impact on the company, regarding retention of key personnel, initiation of long lead item purchases and the scheduling of major test facilities needed for conducting key research. An expeditious letter contract authorization would allow immediate progress in these areas and allow for the completion of the project in a timely manner.

Mystic Innovations Group, Inc. has successfully completed Accounting System and Forward Pricing audits conducted by the Defense Contract Audit Agency in mid-August and understands the terms and conditions for allowable and allocable contract costs. This request is for costs to be incurred by Mystic Innovations Group, Inc. only, as we do not anticipate subcontractor involvement until after negotiations are complete.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Robert Jastremski, President
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cc: Congressman Joe Courtney

Congress of the United States
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December 4, 2009

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Department of Defense
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The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary
US Department of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
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Admiral Gary Roughead, USN
Chief of Naval Operations
United States Navy
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350

Dear Secretary Gates, Secretary Mabus and Admiral Roughead:

In recent weeks, there have been media reports suggesting that the shipbuilding plan, to be submitted with the Fiscal Year 2011 budget, could include a reduction in attack submarine procurement. We write today in strong opposition to such a plan.

As you know, last year the Department of Defense and the Navy reached an important milestone when it signed a \$14 billion, five year multi-year procurement (MYP) contract with General Dynamics Electric Boat, and their partner Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, for the procurement of eight *Virginia*-class submarines between 2009 and 2013 -- including the increase to two a year starting in 2011. This "Block III" contract capped a two year effort to accelerate the increased procurement of new *Virginia*-class submarines from 2012 to 2011. This was an important step towards ensuring that the submarine force has the resources it needs to accomplish its diverse array of missions, and protect the security of our nation.

Yet, based on the Navy's own stated force requirements in the FY2009 shipbuilding plan -- the last one submitted to Congress -- our nation will still have fewer than the 48 submarines we need for a 12 year period between 2022 and 2033. Further, in 2008, the attack submarine force was only able to meet a total of 49 percent of all missions requested of it -- and it will be asked to continue to "do more with less" as the demand for their unique stealth and intelligence capabilities increases while force levels decline.

That is why we are concerned that the Department of Defense may be considering a potential one-boat reduction in the number of submarines it plans to procure between 2011 and 2015, the period covered by the next shipbuilding plan to be submitted to Congress with the FY2011 budget request. If these reports are accurate, it would represent a significant step backwards from clear Congressional support for a sustained two a year attack submarine build rate, as well as from

clearly identified needs within the submarine force and our domestic industrial base.

As such, we hope you will reconsider any proposals to reduce the submarine build rate during this period and fully support a sustained two-a-year procurement rate beginning in FY2011. We believe that such a policy is in interest of our long term submarine force structure requirements, our industrial base and our nation.

We look forward to your response. As always, thank you for your service to our nation and dedication to the men and women of our Armed Forces.

Sincerely,



JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress



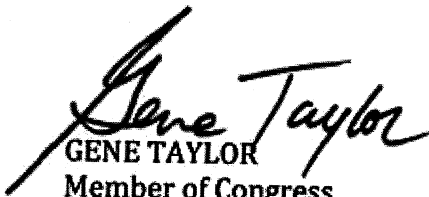
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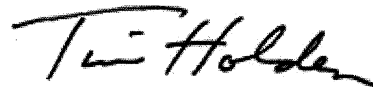
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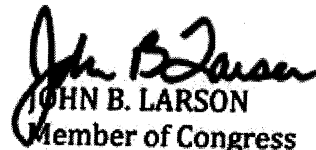
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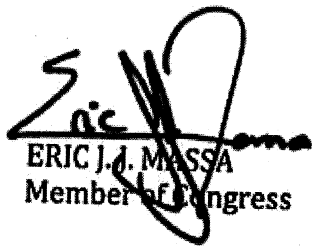
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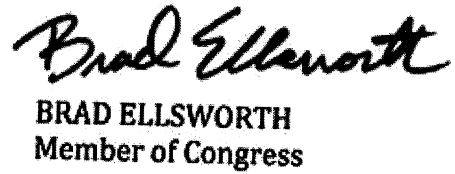
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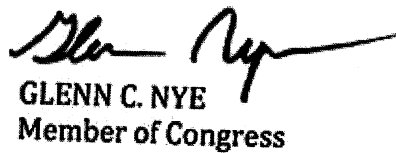
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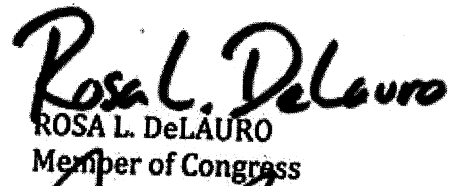
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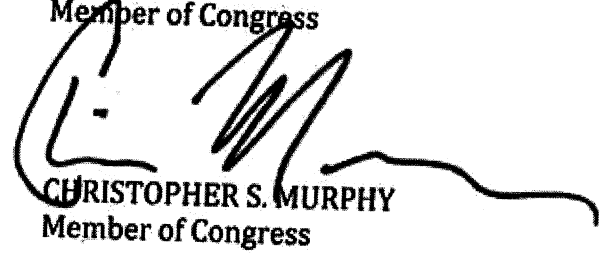
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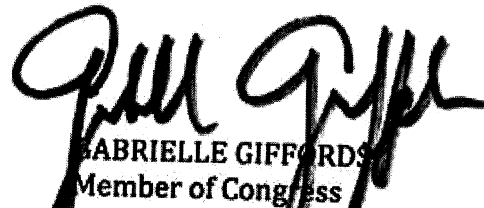
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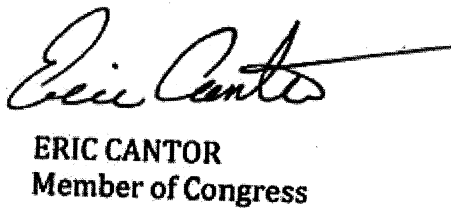
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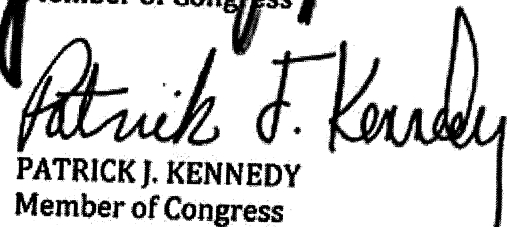
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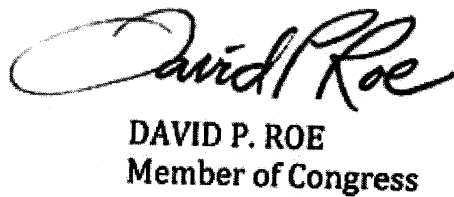
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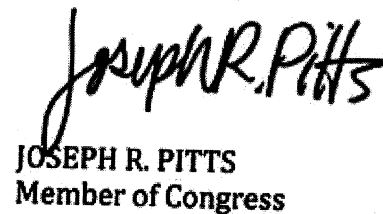
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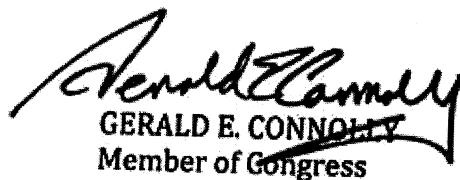
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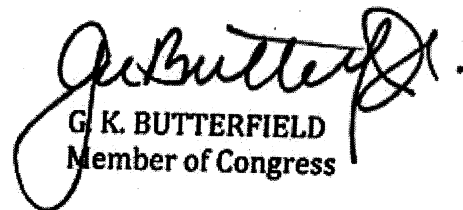
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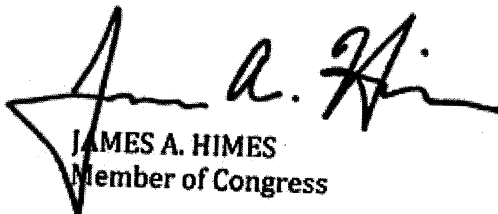

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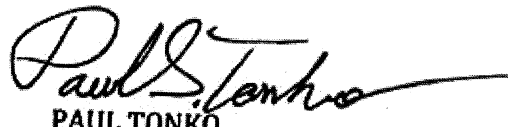

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Joe Courtney

Congress of the United States

2nd District, Connecticut

January 22, 2010

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The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary
United States Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Mabus:

On January 4, 2010, Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell wrote to you to ask that Connecticut firms be given preference for the work created by two state-funded projects to be built at Naval Submarine Base New London. I support her call for maximizing the impact of state-funded projects in our state, and hope to work with you to achieve this goal.

As you know, last September the State of Connecticut announced that it was contributing nearly \$7.7 million to improve the infrastructure of SUBASE New London. Namely, this funding would be used to build a new dive locker and a new boiler system for the power plant. Together, these projects will help meet key operational needs of the base and the submarines stationed there, as well invest in the value and future of this important facility.

However, in relation to Governor Rell's request, it is my understanding that the Navy has limited authority to show preference to bids for these state-funded projects by firms from Connecticut. To this end, I hope you can assist me in better understanding the limitations of current law and what changes could be made to achieve the goal of maximizing the economic impact of state-funded projects at federal military installations:

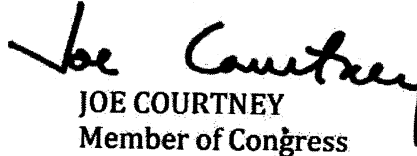
- **What authority, if any, does the Navy currently have to limit the award of contracts for state-funded projects to bidders based in whole or in part in the state that funded them?** Please specify any existing statutes or regulations governing such authority.
- In the case of the two projects funded by the State of Connecticut at SUBASE New London (dive locker and boiler), please explain the process the Navy will follow in bidding them. **Who will be eligible to bid on these projects, which agency within the Navy is coordinating the bid process on each, and when are they expected to be bid and awarded?**
- It is my understanding that in other projects executed under existing statutes related to gifts provided to the Department of Defense, the donor may have constructed a facility and then transferred it to a military department, allowing the

acquisition and bidding to be done under outside of federal acquisition rules. However, in the case of the two state-funded projects at SUBASE New London, the State of Connecticut transferred funding to the Navy in order to execute these projects. **Please explain why the agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Navy on the two projects at SUBASE New London was constructed in such a way that the state transferred funding to the Navy in order to execute these projects, instead of allowing the state to construct these facilities under state acquisition rules and then transfer them to the Navy? Did consideration of the operational nature of these projects influence the construction of the agreement?**

- **What changes to existing law would need to be made to provide the authority to the Secretary of the Navy to limit bidding on state-funded investments in federal military installations to those firms located in the state, or otherwise show preference for such firms in the awarding of bids in these cases?**

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to continuing to work with you to meet the needs of SUBASE New London and the men and women of the United States Navy. You may contact me, or my legislative Director Neil McKiernan, at 202-225-2076 to discuss this request at any time.

Sincerely,


JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress

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Senator Lieberman - Hartford

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JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN
CONNECTICUT

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July 13, 2010

Rear Admiral Michael Miller
Chief of Legislative Affairs
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1300 Navy Pentagon
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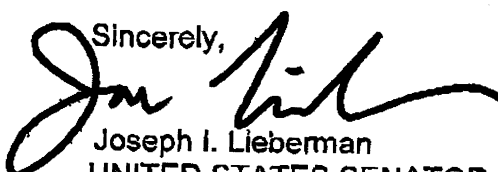
Dear Admiral Miller:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Arthur McCauley, Chairman and President of Norwalk Compressor Company who wrote to me in regards to concerns over a recent contract award for NAVFAC Pacific Solicitation No. N62742-08-R-1322.

As Mr. McCauley states in the enclosed letter, he has specific concerns that a company chosen for work is unable to meet the necessary specifications required by the contract.

Your review and comments regarding the issues described in Mr. McCauley's correspondence is greatly appreciated. Please direct your response to Frank Rowe in my District Office located at: One Constitution Plaza, 7th Floor, Hartford, CT 06103. Thank you for your care and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph I. Lieberman
UNITED STATES SENATOR

JIL:fjr/rja
Enclosure

cc: Arthur McCauley

Norwalk

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Arthur McCauley
Chairman and President

July 12, 2010

Senator Joseph Lieberman
United States Senator
One Constitution Plaza - 7th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Senator Lieberman:

Re: NAVFAC PACIFIC, Dockyard Pearl Harbor Solicitation No. N62742-08-R-1322
HPA Central Plant DD 1 and 2 High Pressure air system

Please forgive my interrupting your busy schedule but I have a rather urgent problem that I hope your office could be of assistance or can guide me in the right direction. We are trying to preserve manufacturing jobs for us and our sub-vendor Kahn Company of Wethersfield CT. Both firms are CT Original Equipment Manufacturer. Norwalk designs, engineers and manufacturers Norwalk Reciprocating Compressor whereas Kahn Company design, engineer, and manufacturer high pressure air dehydrator. Collectively these have been previously installed at NAVFAC PACIFIC Dockyard Pearl Harbor HI, with the initial units being installed in 1970's and the most recent systems with enhancements requested by Dockyard personnel commenced operation April 2008. The primary purpose of equipment is to provide 220 SCFM (standard cubic feet per minute) of compressed air @ 5,000 psi at -60 degrees F. Both Company's are a small business per Federal Purchasing guidelines and comply with buy America Clause as well.

We need help from your office after email notification on Friday, July 9, 2010 from General Contractor, Nova-Group, Nappa California that they "elected" to purchase compression equipment from Atlas Copco. We believe General Contractor did not follow detail NAVFAC Specification No. N62742-08-R-1322.

The long and short of all of this is Norwalk/Kahn contend that a CT small business got the shaft from a California General contractor as we reviewed and followed NAVFAC Pearl Harbor Specifications No. N62742-08-r-1322. We based this contention on various emails, meeting notes when our technical personnel were at Dockyard Pearl Harbor, phone calls and documents filed from 2007 to 2009. There are stringent performance requirements in Specifications and we believe General Contractor ignored these requirements as he was focused on overall Project Construction Contract \$26,000,000 and the high pressure Air systems amounts to \$1,700,00 of this amount. Further that General Contractor had very limited Compression knowledge and thinks one air compressor design is the same as another and therefore did not do due diligence prior to using their email words "elect to utilize Atlas Copco Greenfield Compressors" for this NAVFAC project.

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Letter Senator Lieberman July 12, 2010
NAVFAC Solicitation N62742-08-R-1322

Connecticut manufacturing Jobs are precious and preserving them is important to all of us. NAVFAC Specifications are tough, deliberate and encompassing and meant to be so the U S Navy gets the most reliable and low maintenance HIGH PRESSURE AIR SYSTEMS made in USA. Why can't Military Procurement GC's follow the rules? My answer, no one enforces the rules, Small OEM businesses are constantly IGNORED/DISMISSED by the GC and lose jobs and nobody cares.

If we ask, no one listens, if your office asks NAVFAC to review and investigate, maybe something positive will happen and maybe the U. S. Navy Dockyard get the reliable equipment from a compressor OEM that complies with specification and not just air compressors provided by a Nappa California Atlas Copco distributor who has never provided high pressure equipment to NAVFAC Pearl Harbor.

We have tons of files' data but at this juncture it will only clutter your office, I would be happy to meet with you and other staff members at your convenience.

I would appreciate your office contacting the respective procurement personnel of NAVFAC and lodge a protest/complaint concerning compliance with Specifications for awarded HPA Central Plant DD 1 and 2 high pressure air compressors.

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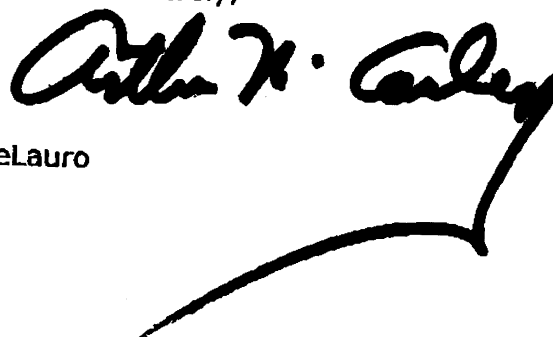
NAVFAC, HI
Financial Management Code FM 2112
400 Marshall Road
Pearl Harbor HI 96860

Commanding Officer
Regional Contracting Department (CODE 200)
1942 Gaffney Street, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-4549

Nova Construction Group, Inc.
7411 Napa-Valley Highway
Napa, California 94558

Thank you for assistance.

Sincerely,



cc: Representative Rosa L. DeLauro



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Appropriation: MCON

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FY08 MCON P-302
Drydocks 1 & 2 Ship Support Services
at the
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

PREPARED BY:

InSynergy Engineering, Inc.
828 Fort St. Mall, Suite 500
Honolulu, HI 96813
(A/E Contract N62742-06-D-0011)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PREPARED BY:

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Structural:	Baldrige & Assoc. Structural Engineering
Civil:	Lyon Associates, Inc.
Geotechnical:	Pacific Geotechnical Engineers, Inc.
Environmental:	Globetech Group, Inc.
Cost Estimating:	Rider Levett Bucknall
Mechanical:	InSynergy Engineering, Inc.
Electrical:	InSynergy Engineering, Inc.
Fire Protection:	InSynergy Engineering, Inc.

Submitted by:

Joel P. Yuen

Date: June 2, 2008

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL APPROVED BY:

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May 19, 2011

Rear Admiral Tom Copeman
Chief of Legislative Affairs
Department of the Navy
1300 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350

Dear Rear Admiral Copeman:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have received from a constituent regarding his concerns about the U.S. Navy's Virginia class submarine procurement program.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would provide me with a response which addresses the specific concerns my constituent has raised.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph I. Lieberman
UNITED STATES SENATOR

JIL:bjm
Enclosure

147 High Street
Mystic, CT 06355
25 March 2011

Senator Joe Lieberman
706 Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Doubling submarine construction periods

Dear Senator Lieberman:

As a former Planning Manager at Electric Boat and, now in my dotage a concerned taxpayer, I have recently sent two letters to Mr. John Casey, President of Electric Boat, expressing my puzzlement that the current *Virginia* class attack submarines which are virtually similar in size, weight and complexity to those built in the 1960's and 70's, are taking two-and-one-half years longer to build. The reactor and propulsion plant is essentially identical which might suggest that the technological advances in the forward part of the vessel, have added 30 months to the construction demands were it not for three decades of process improvements all aimed at time and cost reduction.

In my letters, copies attached, I postulated several possible reasons for the time expansion, some perhaps controlled by Congressional funding, some by Navy desires to continually introduce advanced technology and even cooperative building by two shipbuilders. Lacking any response from Electric Boat and with an abiding concern that the cost saving inherent in shorter construction times and enhanced competitive position in a BRAC investigation are desirable, encouraged me to present this conundrum to the Connecticut Congressional team. Similar letters will be forwarded to Senator Blumenthal and Congressman Courtney.

Very truly yours,


Niel Spillane

Encls: Spillane letter to John Casey of 28 December 2010
Spillane letter to John Casey of 12 March 2011

147 High Street
Mystic, CT 06355
28 December 2010

Mr. John Casey, President
Electric Boat Corporation
75 Eastern Point Road
Groton, CT 06340

Dear Mr. Casey,

As a retired employee of Electric Boat and a reader of the Electric Boat News, I have been impressed by the LEAN and Sigma Six process improvements and presumably their impact on reducing the on time delivery of *Virginia* class vessels from 60 to 56 months. As the leader of Electric Boat's submarine planning team from the Nautilus until a certain Greek President terminated my career, I clearly remember how we moved the rote building of diesel boats mentality toward the steam and nuclear propulsion vessels demanded by Admiral Rickover. As time went on we planned the first operational missile bases under the American flag (albeit submerged) and introduced end loading versus top loading of components, then modular construction (stolen from the Brits and Germans) and the acquisition of Quonset when the Trident program would have overwhelmed Groton's limited shipyard footprint. With two partners, Richard Salzer and Frank Wood, we sold the land level concept in spite of severe opposition from senior engineering management and then invented the pontoon graving dock almost overnight when Rickover rejected a Synchrolift graving dock.

During the 1950's, 60's and 70's most planning effort went into shortening the building period with the automatic reduction of large time related costs while recognizing and promoting process improvements in manufacturing and installation which generally offered smaller profit gains unless they dramatically impacted critical path schedules. The conundrum which has been puzzling me is that the *Virginia* class which has a virtually identical reactor compartment and propulsion plant to the 1960's vessels and is only marginally heavier overall has somehow suffered a critical path explosion of two and one half years. The number of valves, miles of piping and cable, the similarity of crew accommodations and the quantity of electronic "black boxes" can't have changed that much and most of these components regardless of technical advancements bolt in place in much the same way. The question then, is there at EB a top level process improvement team comparing the *Virginia* class critical path schedule to those of the 1960 ships shown on enclosure to this letter to expose the stumbling blocks which now require two or more extra years to complete and if not, why not?

Very truly yours,



Niel Spillane

Enclosure

EXAMPLES OF RAPID NUCLEAR SUBMARINE CONSTRUCTION

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Start fabrication to delivery</u>	<u>Contract or letter of intent to start fabrication</u>
589 SCORPION	27 months	6 months
608 ETHAN ALLEN	28	4
598 GEORGE WASHINGTON	30	n/a
610 THOMAS EDISON	28	4
616 LAFAYETTE	30	2
623 NATHAN HALE	31	5
628 TECUMSEH	29	5

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 22, 2012

The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-1000

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SECNAV ALJIN

Dear Secretary Mabus:

I thank you for your leadership and commitment to advancing the development and deployment of clean energy technologies that will help our nation reduce its dependence upon foreign sources of crude oil. We particularly laud your efforts in leading the Department of Defense in this initiative.

As you are well aware, a reliable, affordable, and domestic supply of fuel to help our military defend our nation is essential. In recent years, we have seen great volatility in the cost of fueling our national aircraft, ships and planes with fuel refined from imported oil. While supplies have been consistent, world events have provided us with glimpses of a future where this may not always be true. Recent fluctuation in oil prices are a clear example of the need for affordable, clean, and reliable source of fuel.

We are aware of a project being led by The D'Arcinoff Group, Inc. that in addition to initially producing approximately 840,000 gallons per day of ultra-clean, low-carbon fuel, will result in the creation of 25,000 jobs in six states by 2015. The D'Arcinoff Group has stated that it already has the property and resources to provide another 8,000,000 gallons per day of additional ultra-clean, low-carbon fuel by 2018. It is our understanding that the D'Arcinoff Group seeks to provide fuel to the Department of Defense under terms that would allow the fuel to be purchased at conventional fuel market price over a long-term contract.

We ask that you thoroughly and expeditiously evaluate this proposal as a potential source of fuel for the Navy. Further, we additionally request that you consider providing support for any appropriate waivers to facilitate the acquisition of this promising fuel source if you deem it an appropriate source of fuel for the Navy. In particular, the length of such a potential contract should be carefully considered as to ensure that its duration and terms can both serve the needs of the department while attracting the necessary private investment to construct and operate new, domestic fuel production facilities. Finally, we request that you provide us with the suitable

point of contact in your office who handles this type of clean energy acquisition issues, so that our offices can follow up on this request.

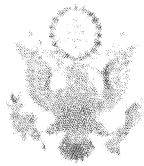
Thank you for your timely consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of further assistance on this matter, and we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,


BARNEY FRANK


JOE COURTNEY

RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
CONNECTICUT



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 8, 2012

Admiral Jonathan Greenert
Chief of Naval Operations
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350-2000

Dear Admiral Greenert,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me last Friday regarding your recent visit to the Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, Connecticut. As we discussed, at your convenience, I would like to arrange a visit to the Naval Submarine Base New London, "The First and Finest."

I am proud that New London is the submarine capital of the world due to the close cooperation between the nearby shipyard and the submarine training and command headquarters facilities at the base, and was pleased to recently learn that Naval Submarine Base New London received the annual Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Installation Excellence Award.

Furthermore, my conversations with Rear Admiral Breckenridge about undersea warfare have been invaluable. I would enjoy the opportunity to speak with both of you regarding the base's continued strategic importance and training role in our undersea warfare planning.

As the Navy continues to pursue changes in shore-based infrastructure, I appreciate your familiarity with the military value of New England's last remaining naval base. I look forward to your visit whenever you are able to arrange it.

Thank you for your distinguished service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick", written over a light-colored background.

Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate

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Rear Admiral Mike Franken, USN
1300 Navy Pentagon
Room 4C549,
Washington, DC 20350

Dear Admiral Franken:

My office was recently copied on the attached letter from Peter Legnos, President of LBI, Inc, a company located in my district, in Groton, Connecticut. I ask that you consider his concerns, and respond to his letter at the earliest possible opportunity.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or my Legislative Director Neil McKiernan, if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress



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Mr. Walter F. Jones
Executive Director
Office of Naval Research
875 North Randolph Street
Arlington, Va. 22203-1995

October 2, 2012

Re: Update regarding my letter to Admiral Klunder, Chief of Naval Research on March 14, 2012 and your reply letter of April 20, 2012

Dear Mr. Jones,

I have attached Judge Hall's Decision from United States District Court regarding LBI vs. Jared Sparks and Jay Williams. The decision certainly confirms the concerns that I expressed in the March 14th letter. The court agrees that Charles River Analytics (CRA), a software company is a competitor and was not qualified to perform essentially the same work as LBI without the qualified LBI employees. CRA solicited and negotiated to hire our employees while they were working at LBI. Signing bonuses were paid and CRA indemnified them by agreeing to pay their legal fees and any judgments against them from any lawsuit brought by LBI. The original action against the defendants was filed in Connecticut State Court. The Defendants petitioned to move the case to U. S. Federal Court. Following the loss in Federal Court, the Defendants appealed, then petitioned to move the case back to State Court. Judge Hall's decision stands as a finding of fact.

ONR should be concerned about situations like this. ONR requires contractors to work together as partners. If one contractor is allowed to inject itself into the confidences of its "partner" merely to loot its trade secrets, key employees and ONR contracts, no one will want to work with ONR "partners".

There has also been a personal consequence. After CRA took LBI's trade secrets and employees (despite enforceable non-compete agreements), LBI lost all of its ONR work, which was as follows:

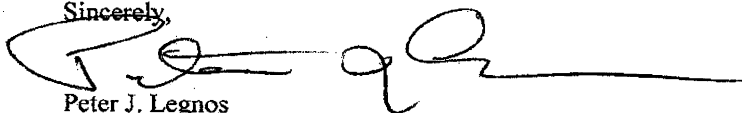
N00014-10-C-0397	\$2,000,000
N00014-11-C-0421	\$1,500,000
TACM SBIR Phase II	\$1,500,000
Total loss of business	\$5,000,000

The loss of the 0421 contract for the Air Deployable Underwater Glider was a surprise. There was neither reason nor explanation given. We recently received from Congressman Joe Courtney a much appreciated "Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition". We have invested a significant amount of our own funds in the Underwater Glider and have filed a patent application for the Folding Wing Control Mechanism.

We have invested a significant amount of LBI funds in these efforts and all of the innovative concepts have been accomplished at LBI expense. The creative concepts for the Unmanned LVC, the LDUUV Tow Vessel, LDUUV Pressure Compensated Submersible Tether Winch, and LDUUV Integral Buoyancy System and LVC were developed at LBI's expense. Patents have been filed for the LDUUV Pressure Compensated Submersible Winch and are in the process of filing on our UUV Integral Compensating Buoyancy System that was part of our proposal under ONR BAA 11-025. A debrief on the BAA was promised though not given. All of the prototypes for these systems were transferred by ONR from LBI's contract N00014-10-C-0397 to CRA's contract number N00014-10-C-0405. The CRA 0405 contract is the contract referred to in Judge Hall's decision.

I respectfully request a meeting at ONR to discuss these issues and to offer any assistance to complete or assist with the any of the creative concepts or projects that LBI initiated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Legnos", written over a horizontal line.

Peter J. Legnos
President

CC: Representative Joe Courtney
Christopher Williamson
Susan Paolini
Tracy Frost

Sent via email



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November 19, 2012

Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs
Department Of The Navy, Office Of Legislative Affairs
1300 Navy Pentagon
Washington, District of Columbia 20350

Dear Commanding Officer,

I am writing on behalf of Concrete Floors LLC of Plainville, Connecticut.

Enclosed is an information release form signed by Mr. Kenneth Larrow with a brief description regarding their concerns. Mr. Larrow's company poured and finished a 12,000 square foot space on the Sub Base Groton, CT. The original price was \$15,000 and they were paid \$4,800 that leaves an unpaid balance of \$10,200. They have asked for our assistance in obtaining the remaining payments as there has been no response from the Sub Base. Can you please look into this on behalf of Concrete Floors LLC?

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate

Office of Senator Richard Blumenthal
Information Release Form

** Under the Privacy Act of 1974 your signature is required for Senator Blumenthal to contact federal agencies and private institutions on your behalf.

Name: Concrete Floors LLC

Address: 13 W Parkway Plainville, CT 06374

City and Zip Code: Plainville, CT 06374

Daytime: (860) 230-2222 (work/home, circle one) (Fax: (860) 230-0800

Evening: (860) 290-0146 (work/home, circle one) Cell: ()

E-mail: ibarnes.concretefloors@gmail.com

Social Security Number (if applicable): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Identification or Case Number (if applicable): _____

(Federal agency) you need help with: General Contractor
Sub Base Groton, CT Patina Corp P.O. Box 528 Mystic, CT 06355

Have you contacted any other Congressional offices? Yes No

• If yes, which offices? _____

Nature of issue: Sub base Groton, CT SMALL ARMS

POUR PLACE and finished 12,000 sq ft + saw cut

original price \$15,000.00 received \$4,900.00 balance \$10,100.00

Federal Agency Sub base Groton CT

I authorize the Office of Senator Richard Blumenthal to address the matter described above on my behalf and to receive any relevant information the Senator and his staff may need in their efforts to provide assistance to me:

Signature Member Kenneth Larnow Date 5/7/12

Please complete and mail this form to:

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Message: RE: Michael Vespoli

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January 31, 2013

Rear Admiral Tom Copeman
Chief of Legislative Affairs
Department of the Navy
1300 Navy Pentagon
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Washington, D.C. 20350-0001

Dear Admiral Copeman:

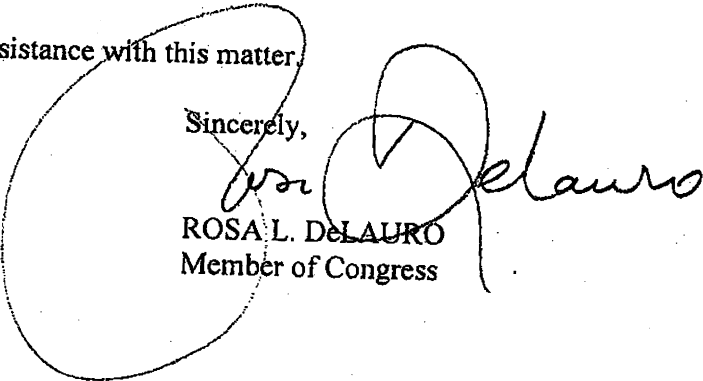
Enclosed is a letter I recently received from my constituent, Mr. Michael Vespoli, president and owner of Vespoli USA, a boat manufacturing company located in New Haven, Connecticut. Mr. Vespoli states that in past years, his company has been awarded contracts by the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division to produce boats which were then transferred to the Egyptian government for use at the Egyptian Naval College. He further states that this year, the NAWCTSD has issued a Sources Sought Request for a boat which is only produced in Italy for the same purpose.

Mr. Vespoli wishes to know what the NAWCTSD concluded from its Sources Sought Request, why it is now seeking a foreign-made boat, and what his company can do to be considered for this contract.

I would appreciate it if you could review this correspondence to determine whether you can be of assistance to my constituent in resolving this matter. You can notify me of the outcome through my District Office located at 59 Elm Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510. If you need any additional information, please contact my staff assistant, Aleksandr Morosky, at 203-562-3718. My fax number is 203-772-2260.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,


ROSA L. DeLAURO
Member of Congress

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VESPOLI World Class Racing Shells

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
59 Elm Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Representative:

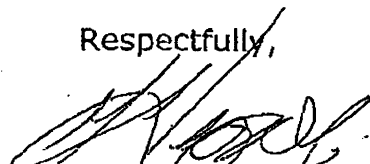
I am writing on behalf of my company, VESPOLI USA. I am the president and owner. We employ about 30-35 people. We are 33 years old and have operated in New Haven, CT since 1987. We build over half the rowing shells used throughout the USA. We are proud to build our boats in the USA, using US materials and components whenever possible. We work with several other 'small' businesses in CT to produce our boats which are approximately 95% US in origin. We also export a number of boats each year.

In the past, the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division [NAWCTSD] in Orlando has purchased boats from us. These boats are subsequently shipped to Egypt for use at the Egyptian Naval College. This year this same entity sent us a 'sources sought' request for a foreign manufactured rowing boat. We responded to the request, substituting our equipment for the foreign builder along with documentation highlighting some of the reasons we should be considered. We do meet or exceed many of the specifications of the foreign builder.

If the US Government is allocating money to buy rowing equipment for the Egyptian Naval College, we certainly feel that money should be spent on US manufactured boats. We would like to find out what the NAWCTSD concluded from their 'sources sought' request, why they specified a foreign boat, and what we can do to be considered to fulfill this order.

I certainly appreciate any assistance you can provide in looking into this matter. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully,



Michael Vespoli

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr. ☐ Honorable ☐ Other _____
Name: Michael L VespoliAddress: 385 Clinton Ave

Address: _____

City: New HavenState: CT Zip: 06513Phone: 203-773-0311 Work/Cell: 203-887-6119Email: mvespoli@vespoli.comSocial Security Number: 046 - 365 - 5133Date of Birth: 12 / 14 / 1946

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Previous: N61339-07-T-0004, Current FMS ENAD-Sources SoughtHave you contacted any other elected official to assist with your issue(s) or concern(s)? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Name: _____

Do you currently have an attorney working with you? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Attorney: _____

Phone: _____

Please provide us with the details of your issue(s) and or concern(s) and with which federal agency:

We build rowing boats/sculls here in New Haven, CT. Small business here since 11/1980. In the past we've been awarded govt contracts to supply boats for the Egyptian Naval College. The contract came through the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD) in Orlando. This year we received the attached "sources sought" request to procure "Fillipi" rowing boats. These boats are manufactured in Italy. Looking for sources in the USA for boats built in Italy to send to Egypt doesn't make much sense. More importantly, I feel that if the US Govt is going to send goods purchased ~~to~~ with US tax dollars to Egypt, it should at the very least, be spent on US goods. We are trying to get a response from NAWCTSD as to why our product has been eliminated from this search, but have not received an answer as yet. In short, I am looking for assistance with procuring this order. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

I authorize the office of Congresswoman DeLauro to address the matter described above on my behalf and receive all relevant information the Congresswoman and her Staff may need in their efforts to provide assistance to me.

Jan 23, 2013
Date

Third-Party Authorization (Complete only if you are designating the person named below to give or receive information about your situation.)

☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr. ☐ Honorable ☐ Other _____
Name: David TrondRelationship To You: EmployeeAddress: 385 Clinton Ave, New Haven Phone: 203-773-0311

Jan 23, 2013
Date

Please Note: Third Party does not have authorization to make binding decisions unless documented Power of Attorney information is provided.

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**SOURCES SOUGHT FOR THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) EGYPTIAN
NAVAL ARMAMENT DEPARTMENT (ENAD) PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF
TRAINING THE EGYPTIAN NAVAL COLLEGE (ENC).**

INTRODUCTION: The Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD), Orlando, FL, is seeking information for potential sources to procure and deliver Fillipi rowing boats, J24 sailing boats and associated boat equipment in support of training for the ENC students.

The Government intends to issue a single award, firm-fixed price contract.

DELIVERY: The items procured shall be delivered to the Egyptian Naval College in Alexandria, Egypt. Inspection of all items shall occur prior to delivery in Alexandria, Egypt. Final acceptance shall occur in Alexandria, Egypt.

REQUIRED CAPABILITIES: Interested parties should provide documentation on their Capabilities, Schedule, and Cost that demonstrates ability to procure the attached materials list.

CAPABILITIES: Interested parties should provide a brief company introduction and details on the company/organization, including the estimated timeframe needed to procure these items, any potential approaches to inspection locations outside of Alexandria, Egypt and delivery to the final destination. Include information on program management and risks.

SCHEDULE: The Government anticipates delivery for this effort to be 60 days from contract award. Companies should provide comments as to their likelihood of satisfying the requirements within 60 days.

COST: Companies should provide a rough order of magnitude (ROM) for the attached materials requirement document.

SIZE STATUS: The applicable NAICS code for this requirement is 441222 Boat dealers, new and used, Marine supply dealers, Sail boat dealers, size standard of \$30.0 M. The Product Service Code is 1929. Companies must identify their size status, the results of which will be utilized as guidance to determine any potential set-aside basis.

SUBMISSION DETAILS: Interested businesses shall submit responses by email to Alana Nuncz-Bennett, at alana.nuncz-bennett@navy.mil and Alberto Amparo, at alberto.amparo@navy.mil. Please submit all written questions by email to Alana Nuncz-Bennett and Alberto Amparo. The submission of this information is for **PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY** and is not to be construed as a commitment by the Government to procure any services, nor for the Government to pay for the information received. The Government will utilize the submitted data in determining a proper acquisition strategy. No request for proposal solicitation document exists at this time.

One electronically submitted response shall be received no later than 2:00pm Eastern Time on 23 January 2013 and reference: FMS ENAD – Sources Sought. Interested businesses should submit a BRIEF capabilities statement package (no more than four (4) 8.5 x 11 inch pages, font no smaller than 11 point) demonstrating ability to procure the materials listed in the attached materials requirements. Documentation should be organized into the following sections: Capabilities, Schedule, and Cost. All responses shall include Company Name, Company Address, Company Business Size, and Points-of-Contact (POC) including name(s), phone number, fax number, and email address.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 1, 2013

The Honorable Sean Stackley
Assistant Secretary
United States Navy
1300 Navy Pentagon
Pentagon Room 4E665
Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Assistant Secretary Stackley,

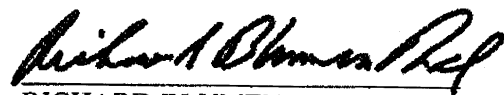
We write to share our deep concern that the Navy is putting the vitality of our domestic shipbuilding industrial base at risk through the implementation of DFARS Part 225.872-8 for the subcontracted procurement of large-diameter copper nickel tubing. We urge you to consider the use of the national security waiver authority granted under DFARS Part 225.872-1, as it is not in our national interest to lose the domestic capability to manufacture large-diameter copper nickel tubing. If a national security waiver is not applied, the Navy's prime contractors should be authorized to consider the value of assured access to large-diameter copper nickel tubing when considering the best value bid for their requirements.

As you stated in 2010, Ansonia Specialty Metals, based in Waterbury, Connecticut, is the only domestic supplier of large (greater than 4.5 inches in Outside Diameter) seamless copper nickel tubing to the specification MIL-T-16420K. Should we lose the ability to domestically produce this tubing, which is used on nearly every Navy vessel, the Navy's prime contractors will be subject to higher prices, longer lead times, and the loss of assured access to this vital component. Furthermore, we urge the Navy to work with the Department of Commerce to identify whether "qualifying country" sources submit bids below the price they offer abroad and therefore should be subject to anti-dumping penalties. We do not believe that such an evaluation would impose an unusual technical requirement on these bidders, given the history of state subsidization and dumping practices in the international copper tubing market.

The nation-wide loss of manufacturing jobs is damaging the health of our domestic shipbuilding industrial base, and urgent action is needed on your part to prevent future harm. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,


CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY
United States Senate


RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
United States Senate

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February, 12 2014

The Honorable Sean Stackley
Assistant Secretary
United States Navy
1300 Navy Pentagon
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Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Assistant Secretary Stackley,

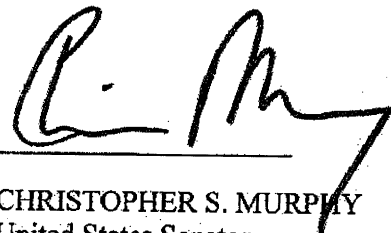
Thank you for your response to our inquiry about Ansonia Specialty Metals, located in Waterbury, Connecticut. In your response, you state that "Ansonia recently received an award in excess of \$10M for supplying copper nickel tubing to the LHA-7 program". Based on conversations with your staff and with the company, we have come to understand that this is not accurate, and the actual contracting activity is far less.

Last we spoke you made it clear that you were committed to maintaining the viability of a domestic producer of large diameter copper nickel tubing. At present, the amount of contracting activity with Ansonia Specialty Metals is not substantial enough to maintain a reliable domestic supply, as is evident by the company's decision to scale back its operations and workforce in recent weeks.

We ask that you do everything in your power to renew and deliver on the commitment you made to us to maintain this domestic producer of copper nickel tubing. Further, we ask that you revisit your decision on invoking the national security waiver under DFARS 225.872-8. This decision was based on an incorrect analysis of the current contracting activity.

As we have stated to you many times, we are of the strong belief that the erosion of our domestic defense industrial base is harming our national and economic security. You have assured us very clearly that you share this concern, so we ask that you revisit your December 23rd letter.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY
United States Senator



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United States Senator